

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

SANJAY KUMAR,
and STEPHEN RICHARDS,

Defendants.

04 Civ. 4104 (ILG)

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**JUDGMENT IMPOSING A PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND OTHER EQUITABLE
RELIEF BY CONSENT AGAINST DEFENDANT STEPHEN RICHARDS**

The Securities and Exchange Commission having filed a Complaint and Defendant Stephen Richards ("Defendant") having entered a general appearance; consented to the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and the subject matter of this action; consented to entry of this Judgment without admitting or denying the allegations of the Complaint (except as to jurisdiction); waived findings of fact and conclusions of law; and waived any right to appeal from this Judgment:

I.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating, directly or indirectly, Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and

Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5], by using any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of any security:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or
- (c) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

II.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)] in the offer or sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly:

- (a) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;
- (b) to obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

- (c) to engage in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

III.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all people in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from aiding and abetting any violation of Section 13(a) and of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)], and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-13] promulgated thereunder, by knowingly providing substantial assistance to any issuer failing to file with the Commission, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe:

- (a) information and documents (and copies thereof) as the Commission shall require to keep reasonably current the information and documents required to be included in or filed with an application or registration statement filed pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78l;
- (b) annual reports (and such copies thereof), certified if required by the rules and regulations of the Commission by independent public accountants, and such quarterly reports (and such copies thereof) as the Commission may prescribe; and
- (c) further material information as may be necessary to make the required statements made, in the light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading, unless Defendant acts in good faith and does not directly or indirectly induce the act or acts constituting the violation.

IV.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant and Defendant's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all people in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Judgment by personal service or otherwise are permanently restrained and enjoined from violating Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act and violating, or aiding and abetting the violation of, Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(b)(5), 78m(b)(2)], and violating Rule 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1] thereunder by:

- (a) falsifying or causing to be falsified, any book, record or account subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)] of the Exchange Act; and
- (b) knowingly circumventing or knowingly failing to implement a system of internal accounting controls or knowingly falsifying any book, record, or account described in Section 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)].

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], Defendant is prohibited from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

VI.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that upon

motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether it is appropriate to order disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and/or a civil penalty pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] and, if so, the amount(s) of the disgorgement and/or civil penalty. If disgorgement is ordered, Defendant shall pay prejudgment interest thereon, calculated from the date Defendant received the ill-gotten gains until the present, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion, and only for the purpose of this litigation: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws, and cannot contest the facts as described in the Superseding Criminal Indictment filed on June 28, 2005, in the criminal action United States v. Kumar and Richards, S2-04 Cr. 846 (ILG) as amended and read into the record by the Court on April 24, 2006, together with the Defendant's allocution and statements under oath to the Court on that date (collectively, the "Criminal Plea"); (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of the Consent or this Judgment; (c) for the purposes of such motion, the allegations, facts and admissions of the Criminal Plea shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; (d) the Commission can introduce evidence concerning any allegations or facts in the complaint that are in addition to any of the allegations, facts, and admissions of the Criminal Plea, and Defendant can introduce evidence opposing those allegations and facts that are in addition to the Criminal Plea; and (e) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule

56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Consent is incorporated herein with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein, and that Defendant shall comply with all of the undertakings and agreements set forth therein.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this Judgment.

IX.

There being no just reason for delay, pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith and without further notice.

Dated: May 2006

June 7th


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CONSENT OF DEFENDANT STEPHEN RICHARDS

1. Defendant Stephen Richards ("Defendant") acknowledges having been served with the complaint in this action, enters a general appearance, and admits the Court's jurisdiction over Defendant and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint (except as to personal and subject matter jurisdiction, which Defendant admits), Defendant hereby consents to the entry of the Judgment in the form attached hereto (the "Judgment") and incorporated by reference herein, which, among other things:

- (a) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from violating, or aiding and abetting violations of, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5] promulgated thereunder; Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §

78m(b)(2)] and Rule 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1] promulgated thereunder; and Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)];

- (b) permanently restrains and enjoins Defendant from aiding and abetting any issuer's violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a)], and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, and 13a-13 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-11, 240.13a-13] promulgated thereunder; and
- (c) prohibits Defendant, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registers pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 781], or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 780(d)].

3. Defendant agrees that he shall not seek or accept, directly or indirectly, reimbursement or indemnification from any source, including but not limited to payment made pursuant to any insurance policy, with regard to any civil penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors. Defendant further agrees that he shall not claim, assert, or apply for a tax deduction or tax credit with regard to any federal, state, or local tax for any penalty amounts that Defendant pays pursuant to the Judgment, regardless of whether such penalty amounts or any part thereof are added to a distribution fund or otherwise used for the benefit of investors.

4. Defendant agrees that, upon motion of the Commission, the Court shall determine whether it is appropriate to order disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and/or a civil penalty pursuant

to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77t(d)] and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)] and, if so, the amount(s) of the disgorgement and/or civil penalty. The Defendant further understands that, if disgorgement is ordered, Defendant shall pay prejudgment interest thereon, calculated from the date Defendant received the ill-gotten gains until the present, based on the rate of interest used by the Internal Revenue Service for the underpayment of federal income tax as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6621(a)(2). Defendant further agrees that in connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, and at any hearing held on such a motion, and only for the purpose of this litigation: (a) Defendant will be precluded from arguing that he did not violate the federal securities laws, and cannot contest the facts as described in the Superseding Criminal Indictment filed on June 28, 2005, in the criminal action United States v. Kumar and Richards, S2-04 Cr. 846 (ILG) as amended and read into the record by the Court on April 24, 2006, together with the Defendant's allocution and statements under oath to the Court on that date (collectively, the "Criminal Plea"); (b) Defendant may not challenge the validity of this Consent or the Judgment; (c) for the purposes of such motion, the allegations, facts and admissions of the Criminal Plea shall be accepted as and deemed true by the Court; (d) the Commission can introduce evidence concerning any allegations or facts in the complaint that are in addition to any of the allegations, facts, and admissions of the Criminal Plea, and Defendant can introduce evidence opposing those allegations and facts that are in addition to the Criminal Plea; and (e) the Court may determine the issues raised in the motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, excerpts of sworn deposition or investigative testimony, and documentary evidence, without regard to the standards for summary judgment contained in Rule 56(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In

connection with the Commission's motion for disgorgement and/or civil penalties, the parties may take discovery, including discovery from appropriate non-parties.

5. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Defendant waives the right, if any, to a jury trial and to appeal from the entry of the Judgment.

7. Defendant enters into this Consent voluntarily and represents that no threats, offers, promises, or inducements of any kind have been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission to induce Defendant to enter into this Consent.

8. Defendant agrees that this Consent shall be incorporated into the Judgment with the same force and effect as if fully set forth therein.

9. Defendant will not oppose the enforcement of the Judgment on the ground, if any exists, that it fails to comply with Rule 65(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and hereby waives any objection based thereon.

10. Defendant waives service of the Judgment and agrees that entry of the Judgment by the Court and filing with the Clerk of the Court will constitute notice to Defendant of its terms and conditions. Defendant further agrees to provide counsel for the Commission, within thirty days after the Judgment is filed with the Clerk of the Court, with an affidavit or declaration stating that Defendant has received and read a copy of the Judgment.

11. Consistent with 17 C.F.R. 202.5(f), this Consent resolves only the claims asserted against Defendant in this civil proceeding. Defendant acknowledges that no promise or

representation has been made by the Commission or any member, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the Commission with regard to any criminal liability that may have arisen or may arise from the facts underlying this action or immunity from any such criminal liability. Defendant waives any claim of Double Jeopardy based upon the settlement of this proceeding, including the imposition of any remedy or civil penalty herein. Defendant further acknowledges that the Court's entry of a permanent injunction may have collateral consequences under federal or state law and the rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations, licensing boards, and other regulatory organizations. Such collateral consequences include, but are not limited to, a statutory disqualification with respect to membership or participation in, or association with a member of, a self-regulatory organization. This statutory disqualification has consequences that are separate from any sanction imposed in an administrative proceeding. In addition, in any disciplinary proceeding before the Commission based on the entry of the injunction in this action, Defendant understands that he shall not be permitted to contest the factual allegations of the complaint in this action.

12. Defendant understands and agrees to comply with the Commission's policy "not to permit a defendant or respondent to consent to a judgment or order that imposes a sanction while denying the allegation in the complaint or order for proceedings." 17 C.F.R. § 202.5. In compliance with this policy, Defendant agrees: (i) not to take any action or to make or permit to be made any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any allegation in the complaint or creating the impression that the complaint is without factual basis; and (ii) that upon the filing of this Consent, Defendant hereby withdraws any papers filed in this action to the extent that they deny any allegation in the complaint. If Defendant breaches this agreement, the Commission

may petition the Court to vacate the Judgment and restore this action to its active docket.


Nothing in this paragraph affects Defendant's: (i) testimonial obligations; or (ii) right to take legal or factual positions in litigation or other legal proceedings in which the Commission is not a party.

13. Defendant hereby waives any rights under the Equal Access to Justice Act, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, or any other provision of law to seek from the United States, or any agency, or any official of the United States acting in his or her official capacity, directly or indirectly, reimbursement of attorney's fees or other fees, expenses, or costs expended by Defendant to defend against this action. For these purposes, Defendant agrees that Defendant is not the prevailing party in this action since the parties have reached a good faith settlement.

14. Defendant agrees that the Commission may present the Judgment to the Court for signature and entry without further notice.


15. Defendant agrees that this Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Judgment.

Dated: 5-26-06



Stephen Richards

On _____, 2006, _____, a person known to me,
personally appeared before me and acknowledged executing the foregoing Consent.

See attached
Certificate



Notary Public
Commission expires:

Approved as to form:

Christopher Gunther, Esq.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Four Times Square
New York, NY 10036
(212) 735-3483
Attorneys for Defendant Stephen Richards

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Dated: 5-26-06



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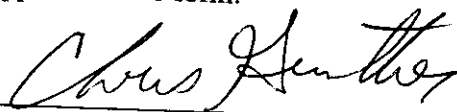
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State of California

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San Mateo

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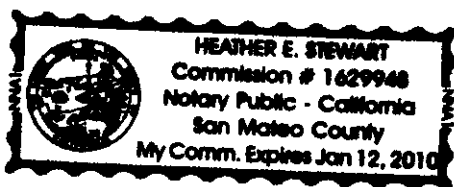
On May 26, 2006, before me, Heather E. Stewart, Notary Public,
Date Name and Title of Officer (e.g., "Jane Doe, Notary Public")

personally appeared

Stephen Richards
Name(s) of Signer(s)

☐ personally known to me

☒ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence



to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Place Notary Seal Above

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

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Title or Type of Document: Consent of Defendant Stephen Richards

Document Date: 5/26/06

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Signer's Name: _____

- ☐ Individual
☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____
☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General
☐ Attorney in Fact
☐ Trustee
☐ Guardian or Conservator
☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

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